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## Introduction

The purpose of the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) is to respond to the needs of states and communities in addressing current and emerging public oral health issues. OHRC supports health professionals, program administrators, educators, policymakers, researchers, and others with the goal of improving oral health services for infants, children, adolescents, and their families. OHRC collaborates with government agencies, professional associations, foundations, and voluntary organizations to gather, develop, and share high-quality and timely information and materials.

The *Oral Health Resource Bulletin* is a periodic publication designed to stimulate thinking and creativity within the maternal and child health (MCH) community by providing information about selected materials of interest. Each successive volume is intended to supplement rather than replace previous volumes. The materials listed in the bulletin have been incorporated into the OHRC library. Copies of listed materials can be obtained directly from the contributing party or are available for loan from OHRC to those involved in MCH programs. When ordering materials from the HRSA Information Center, refer to the document code located within the contact information.

An electronic version of the publication with clickable links to all the URLs shown is available at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/materials/multiples/interchange.html>.

OHRC is committed to continuing to provide effective mechanisms for sharing information about materials that enhance oral health programs and services. If you have materials that you feel would be useful for program development, implementation, or evaluation, please become part of this process. Materials such as standards, guidelines, curricula, conference proceedings, policies, and reports are especially welcome. If you have any materials that you think might be of interest, please send two copies to

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# Materials

## DATA AND SURVEILLANCE

### 2009: HEALTHY SMILES FOR A HEALTHY HEAD START—THE ORAL HEALTH OF WISCONSIN'S HEAD START CHILDREN: CURRENT STATUS, TRENDS AND DISPARITIES

LeMay W, Bell L, Olson M. 2011. *2009: Healthy Smiles for a Healthy Head Start—The Oral Health of Wisconsin's Head Start Children: Current Status, Trends and Disparities*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Oral Health Program. 19 pp.

This report describes a 2009 survey to assess the oral health of children enrolled in Head Start in Wisconsin. Information is provided on dental caries experience, the prevalence of early childhood caries, and the need for urgent treatment. Information on the survey sampling and methods is provided, along with key findings categorized by region, age, and race and ethnicity. Statistical data are included in tables throughout the report and in the appendices. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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### ARIZONA PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH STATUS

Arizona Office of Oral Health. 2011. *Arizona Preschool Children's Oral Health Status*. Phoenix, AZ: Arizona Office of Oral Health. 13 pp.

This report discusses the importance of oral health in children and presents results from Arizona's 2009 oral health survey of preschool children. Contents include data on tooth decay experience (treated and untreated) among children from birth to age 4 in Arizona and among children in third grade in Arizona and bordering states. Additional topics include treatment urgency; reason for no dental visits; differences in tooth decay

experience by parent's education, race and ethnicity, and health insurance status; and the age 1 dental visit. Work force strategies to enhance the oral health status of preschool children during the 2009–2012 period are also presented.

**Contact:** Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health, 150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 320, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Telephone: (602) 542-1866; fax: (602) 364-1494; website: <http://www.azdhs.gov/cfhs/ooh>. Available at [http://www.azdhs.gov/cfhs/ooh/pdf/ArizonaPreschoolChildrensOralHealthStatus\\_Feb11.pdf](http://www.azdhs.gov/cfhs/ooh/pdf/ArizonaPreschoolChildrensOralHealthStatus_Feb11.pdf).

### HIGH PREVALENCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES, ALASKA, 2005 AND 2007

Funk B, Gessner BD, eds. 2010. *High Prevalence of Early Childhood Caries, Alaska, 2005 and 2007*. Juneau, AK: Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

This issue of the State of Alaska Epidemiology Bulletin presents findings from oral health screenings of children enrolled in Head Start (2005) and kindergarten (2007) in Alaska. The report is based on screenings conducted by dentists using the Basic Screening Survey protocol to collect observational data on dental caries, including caries of maxillary anterior primary teeth (a measure of early childhood caries). Contents include background information on caries in early childhood, screening methods and results, and recommendations. Data on the prevalence of caries experience and untreated caries by Medicaid and Alaska Native status are also provided.

**Contact:** Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 350 Main Street, Room 404, P.O. Box 110601, Juneau, AK 99811-0601. Telephone: (907) 465-3030; (907) 586-4265; fax: (907) 465-3068; website: <http://www.hss.state.ak.us>. Available at [http://www.epi.alaska.gov/bulletins/docs/b2010\\_04.pdf](http://www.epi.alaska.gov/bulletins/docs/b2010_04.pdf).

**LEARNING AS WE GO: A FIRST SNAPSHOT OF EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS, STAFF, FAMILIES, AND CHILDREN**

Vogel CA, Boller K, Xue Y, Blair R, Aikens N, Burwick A, Shrago Y, Lepidus Carlson B, Kalb L, Mendenko L, Cannon J, Harrington S, Stein J. 2011. *Learning As We Go: A First Snapshot of Early Head Start Programs, Staff, Families, and Children*. Princeton, NJ: Mathematica. 2 v.

This report, which offers insights about Early Head Start (EHS) programs and staff is the first in a series on the progress of children who are enrolled in EHS and their families. Report content is based on findings from the Early Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey. Topics include what is EHS; what services are delivered to families and how these services are individualized; and what are the characteristics of and services provided to families, special populations, and subgroups in EHS.

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**THE STATE OF AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH IN ARIZONA**

Arizona Office of Oral Health. 2011. *The State of American Indian Children's Oral Health in Arizona*. Phoenix, AZ: Arizona Office of Oral Health. 15 pp.

This report focuses on oral health disparities in American Indian children in Arizona. The content is based on findings from Arizona's oral health surveys of preschool children from birth to age 4 and of children in third grade. Data on American Indian children are compared to data on other children. Topics include tooth decay experience (treated and untreated), dental insurance coverage, dental visits, severity of untreated decay, and dental sealants. A summary of the findings, trends, and comparisons to *Healthy People* are also presented. The report concludes with work force strategies to enhance the oral health status of American Indian children in Arizona.

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**STATE ORAL HEALTH PLAN COMPARISON TOOL (UPD. ED.)**

Pekrun C, Honig L, Frosh M, Edelstein B. 2011. *State Oral Health Plan Comparison Tool* (upd. ed.). Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project.

This online relational database provides an overview of state oral health plans in states funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's State-Based Oral Disease Prevention Program as well as in other states. The online tool facilitates cross-state comparisons in 22 distinct content areas and links to the exact language from the current state plan that corresponds to a given content area. Original state oral health plans can also be accessed so that changes over time in individual states can be explored. Also included on the website are attachments that include an overview and methods, as well as summary data analysis.

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**MEETINGS**

**DHI LAUNCHES, SPRING 2011**

Head Start Resource Center. 2011. *DHI Launches, Spring 2011*. Arlington, VA: Head Start Resource Center. 36 pp.

This report summarizes a series of state-level meetings convening leaders and key stakeholders to develop a plan to ensure that children enrolled in Head Start receive comprehensive, continuously accessible, coordinated, and family-centered oral health services. The contents focus on Head Start Dental Home Initiative (DHI) launches convened during spring 2011 in Arizona, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania. Topics

include an overview of the DHI, feedback survey results, keys to launch success, suggestions from states, common needs, and next steps.

**Contact:** Head Start Resource Center, 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22209. Telephone: (703) 243-0495; website: <http://www.headstartresourcecenter.org/index.cfm>. Available at <http://headstartresourcecenter.org/assets/files/Launch%20Report%20FINAL.pdf>.

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**NORTH DAKOTA ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM POLICY TOOL WORKSHOP: A REPORT OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES, INCLUDING USE OF THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT TOOL, DEVELOPED BY THE CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH PROJECT IN COOPERATION WITH THE CDC DIVISION OF ORAL HEALTH**

Mouden LD. 2010. *North Dakota Oral Health Program Policy Tool Workshop: A Report of Activities and Outcomes, Including Use of the Policy Development Tool, Developed by the Children's Dental Health Project in Cooperation with the CDC Division of Oral Health*. Bismarck, ND: North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 7 pp.

This report summarizes a workshop held on June 11, 2010, in Bismarck, North Dakota, to discuss oral health issues and policy. Topics included priorities in committing funds to train dentists to treat clients with special health care needs, serving state and tribal entities, creating an awareness program on oral health and general health for legislators and the public, expanding tobacco-education efforts, expanding the role of dental hygienists and assistants, and expanding loan-repayment programs for dental students. Sample worksheets provided to attendees are included.

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**ORAL HEALTH FOR YOUNG CHILDREN: EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS**

Maine Dental Access Coalition. 2011. *Oral Health for Young Children: Everybody's Business*. Augusta, ME: Maine Dental Access Coalition. 10 files.

This website contains presentations and handouts from a conference held on May 6, 2011, in Northport, Maine, to address oral health in young children. Topics include behavior change, effective communication, oral health during pregnancy, fluoride, the Head Start Dental Home Initiative, and oral health services for children.

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**STATE/FEDERAL ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOPS**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. 2010. *State/Federal Oral Health Collaborative Workshops*. Baltimore, MD: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

This website contains the agenda, presentation materials, and supporting documents from two meetings to discuss strategies for improving access to and use of oral health services for children enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. The meetings were held on October 7, 2010, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and on November 10, 2010, in Arlington, Virginia. Topics include developing messages for parents with low and moderate incomes from focus groups that were held in four cities around the country to inform state policymakers about family perceptions of oral health care, the importance parents place on having dental coverage for their children, parents' knowledge of oral health, and reactions to oral health facts and messages.

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## POLICY

### **BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO ORAL HEALTH FOR ALL AMERICANS: REPAIRING THE TATTERED SAFETY NET**

American Dental Association. 2011. *Breaking Down Barriers to Oral Health for All Americans: Repairing the Tattered Safety Net*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 18 pp.

This document explores elements of the safety net and systemic changes at the federal, state, and local levels that either have advanced or could advance oral health. Both clinical components and nonclinical support services are addressed. The document concludes with a summary of the principles supporting the repair and growth of the oral health safety net.

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### **CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN: NATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS—GUIDELINES FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS (3RD ED.)**

American Academy of Pediatrics, American Public Health Association, and National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education. 2011. *Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards—Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs* (3rd ed.). Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics; Washington, DC: American Public Health Association. 579 pp.

This set of national health and safety standards provides information about high-quality health and safety practices and policies for early care and education settings. Topics include staffing; program activities for healthy development; health promotion and protection; nutrition and food service; facilities, supplies, equipment, and environmental health; play areas, playgrounds, and transportation; infectious diseases; children with special health care needs and disabilities; policies; and licensing and community action. [Funded by Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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### **CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH IN THE HEALTH HOME**

VanLandeghem K. 2011. *Children's Oral Health in the Health Home*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Policy Center. 13 pp.

This issue of *TrendNotes* discusses the importance of a client-centered health home in improving children's health. A health home offers health, oral health, and mental health services. The issue explores the integration of oral health care with overall health care and discusses federal opportunities, particularly those under the Affordable Care Act, for promoting a health home for children and their families. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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### **FLUORIDE LEGISLATIVE USER INFORMATION DATABASE (FLUID)**

Children's Dental Health Project and American University Washington College of Law, Health Law and Policy Program on Law and Government. 2011. *Fluoride Legislative User Information Database (FLUID)*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project.

This database provides a comprehensive online compilation of court decisions, laws, and policies related to community water fluoridation from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The database has four primary sections: search, case law, state and local action, and federal action. Searches may be conducted using any combination of keyword, content type, and case topic type. Multiple state and content types can be selected and unselected.



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**IMPROVING ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR VULNERABLE AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS**

Institute of Medicine and National Research Council. 2011. *Improving Access to Oral Health Care for Vulnerable and Underserved Populations*. Washington, DC: National Academies Press. 280 pp., brief (4 pp.).

This report examines the scope and consequences of inadequate access to oral health services in the United States and recommends ways to combat the economic, structural, geographic, and cultural factors that prevent access to regular, high-quality care. Topics include changing funding and reimbursement for oral health care; expanding the oral health work force by training doctors, nurses, and other health professionals to recognize risk for oral diseases; revamping regulatory, educational, and administrative practices; and incorporating oral health care into overall health care.

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**KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH REQUIREMENT (UPD.)**

California Dental Association. 2011. *Kindergarten Oral Health Requirement* (upd.). Sacramento, CA: California Dental Association.

This website provides resources on state legislation that requires an oral health assessment for children entering public school for the first time (at kindergarten or first grade). The program identifies children who need oral health treatment as well as barriers to receiving care, with the goal of establishing a regular source of care for every child. The website contains information about the Kindergarten Dental Checkup Campaign, information for specific audiences (oral health professionals, parents and guardians, schools, and clinics), shared materials for children's oral health, and information about finding

oral health care. State-required assessment forms (parent letter and waiver) are also available in English, Arabic, Armenian (Eastern and Western), Chinese (simplified and traditional), Hmong, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

**Contact:** California Dental Association, 1201 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (800) 232-7645; e-mail: [contactcda@cda.org](mailto:contactcda@cda.org); website: <http://www.cda.org>. Available at [http://www.cda.org/advocacy\\_&\\_the\\_law/legislation/kindergarten\\_oral\\_health\\_requirement](http://www.cda.org/advocacy_&_the_law/legislation/kindergarten_oral_health_requirement).

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN STATE ORAL HEALTH AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE EARLY CHILDHOOD ORAL HEALTH**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors and Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs. 2011. *Opportunities for Collaboration Between State Oral Health and Maternal and Child Health Programs to Improve Early Childhood Oral Health*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 9 pp.

This issue brief is intended to help improve the oral health status of the maternal and child health (MCH) population by better integrating oral health activities and information into state MCH early childhood programs. The brief focuses on MCH state-level early childhood programs relevant to oral health, specifically the Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) and the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. The brief also presents examples of oral health integration into state ECCS programs, other opportunities to collaborate with state MCH programs, and key resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH CARE REFORM:  
ADDRESSING THE ORAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN WITH  
SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS**

National Maternal and Child Oral Health Policy Center and Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2011. *Opportunities in Health Care Reform: Addressing the Oral Health of Children with Special Health Care Needs*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Policy Center. 5 pp.

This issue brief looks at provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act as opportunities to address the oral health of children with special health care needs. Topics include barriers to care; coverage and benefits; and new or additional points of access including school-based health centers, home visiting programs, professional training, access to diagnostic equipment, and public-health-education campaigns. State policy options are also addressed. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**ORAL HEALTH ISN’T OPTIONAL: A REPORT ON THE  
ORAL HEALTH OF OHIOANS AND THEIR ACCESS TO  
DENTAL CARE**

Ohio Department of Health. 2011. *Oral Health Isn’t Optional: A Report on the Oral Health of Ohioans and Their Access to Dental Care*. Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Health. 46 pp.

This report summarizes data about oral diseases and access to oral health care in Ohio. Population-based efforts to prevent oral disease are discussed, as well as resources and programs aimed at improving access to oral health care for vulnerable populations. County-level information on the prevalence of various oral health measures of children in the state are presented.

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**ORAL HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTH PLANS  
AND FOUNDATIONS**

National Institute for Health Care Management Research and Educational Foundation. 2011. *Oral Health Opportunities for Health Plans and Foundations*. Washington, DC: National Institute for Health Care Management Research and Educational Foundation. 4 pp.

This document outlines opportunities for health plans and foundations to improve oral health in children and other vulnerable populations. Topics include oral health provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and implications of the Institute of Medicine’s report, *Improving Access to Oral Health Care for Vulnerable and Underserved Populations*.

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**ORAL HEALTH UPDATE: TEN YEARS AFTER THE  
SURGEON GENERAL’S REPORT**

National Health Policy Forum. 2011. *Oral Health Update: Ten Years After the Surgeon General’s Report*. Washington, DC: National Health Policy Forum.

This resource contains materials from a forum held on January 21, 2011, in Washington, DC, to outline key changes in oral health status and access to care in the decade since the release of the Surgeon General’s May 2000 report. Forum topics included the relationship between oral health and overall health, the oral health status of Americans, the structure of the oral health care delivery system, and the roles of private and public dental insurance and safety net providers. Additional topics include key oral health provisions in the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, state and local perspectives on access to care, and future directions for improving oral health.

**Contact:** National Health Policy Forum, George Washington University, 2131 K Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20037. Telephone: (202) 872-1390; fax: (202) 862-9837; e-mail: [nhpf@gwu.edu](mailto:nhpf@gwu.edu); website: <http://www.nhpf.org>. Available at [http://www.nhpf.org/library/forum-sessions/FS\\_01-21-11\\_OralHealth.pdf](http://www.nhpf.org/library/forum-sessions/FS_01-21-11_OralHealth.pdf).

**STATES IMPLEMENT HEALTH REFORM: ORAL HEALTH**

National Conference of State Legislatures. 2011. *States Implement Health Reform: Oral Health*. Denver, CO: National Conference of State Legislatures. 2 pp.

This brief describes a variety of provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act related to children’s oral health, including those that address coverage and access, prevention, oral health infrastructure and surveillance, and the oral health work force. Additional information is provided on state roles in implementation.

**Contact:** National Conference of State Legislatures, 7700 East First Place, Denver, CO 80230. Telephone: (303) 364-7700; fax: (303) 364-7800; e-mail: [nclslnet-admin@nclsl.org](mailto:nclslnet-admin@nclsl.org); website: <http://www.nclsl.org>. Available at <http://www.nclsl.org/portals/1/documents/health/HROralHealth.pdf>.

**WHAT STATE LEADERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT EARLY HEAD START**

Hoffman E, Ewen D. 2011. *What State Leaders Should Know About Early Head Start*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Social Policy. 14 pp.

This paper reviews key aspects of how the federal Early Head Start (EHS) program works. Each section includes considerations for state leaders, such as how other state systems relate to a particular aspect of EHS or what types of policy changes and partnership states could consider to coordinate and leverage EHS resources with other state programs.

**Contact:** Center for Law and Social Policy, 1200 18th Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 906-8000; fax: (202) 842-2885; e-mail: [info@clasp.org](mailto:info@clasp.org); website: <http://www.clasp.org>. Available at <http://www.clasp.org/admin/site/publications/files/What-State-Leaders-Should-Know-About-EHS.pdf>.

**PROFESSIONAL-CLIENT TOOLS**

**BABY TEETH MATTER**

Wisconsin Dental Association. 2011. *Baby Teeth Matter*. West Allis, WI: Wisconsin Dental Association.

These public-awareness campaign resources promote early childhood oral health messages. Components include 30-second television spots highlighting the importance of good oral health in infants and young children and reminding the public of the importance of oral health to overall well-being. Additional components include tips on preventing dental caries during infancy and early childhood, the importance of a healthy diet, and the benefits of fluoride. Also included are several educational videos on topics such as early childhood caries, why a mother’s oral health is important, pacifiers, causes of caries in young children, how to brush a young child’s teeth, and oral hygiene tips for young children. Information about campaign licensing options for state dental associations is available from the website.

**Contact:** Wisconsin Dental Association, 6737 West Washington Street, Suite 2360, West Allis, WI 53214. Telephone: (414) 276-4520; fax: (414) 276-8431; website: <http://www.wda.org>. Available at <http://www.wda.org/categories/12-oral-health-topics/subcategories/251-baby-teeth-matter/documents/1253-why-baby-teeth-matter>.

**HEALTHY SMILES = HEALTHY KIDS**

Hawkeye Community College. BlackHawk County Health Department, I-Smile. 2011. *Healthy Smiles = Healthy Kids*. Des Moines, IA: Hawkeye Community College, BlackHawk County Health Department, I-Smile.

This video demonstrates oral hygiene techniques for parents and other caregivers of infants and young children, including gum and tooth wiping and toothbrushing with and without fluoridated toothpaste. The first dental visit, healthy snacking, and bottle feeding are also addressed.

**Contact:** Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. Telephone: (515) 281-3733; (866) 528-4020; fax: (515) 242-6384; website: [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral\\_health.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health.asp). Available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLLVMXjiHE4>.

**ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: A RESOURCE GUIDE (2ND ED.)**

Bertness J, Holt K, eds. 2011. *Oral Health Services for Children and Adolescents with Special Health Care Needs: A Resource Guide* (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 36 pp.

This resource guide provides information to help health professionals plan, develop, and implement efforts to ensure that children and adolescents with special health care needs receive optimal oral health care. The guide is divided into the following three sections: (1) journal articles; (2) materials (books, curricula, fact and tip sheets, guidelines, manuals, modules, papers, reports, and CD-ROMs); and (3) agencies and organizations that may serve as resources. Entries contain bibliographic information, an annotation, and contact information. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: [OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu](mailto:OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu); website: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org>. Available at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/order> (order print copy) or <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/SHCNResGuide.pdf>.

**TOOTHBRUSHING PERMISSION SLIP**

Sonoma County Department of Health Services, Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health. 2011. *Toothbrushing Permission Slip*. Santa Rosa, CA: Sonoma County Department of Health Services, Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health. 1 p.

This permission slip is designed for use in obtaining positive (active) parental consent for children to participate in a toothbrushing program—with or without fluoridated toothpaste—in child care centers or homes in Sonoma County, California. The content is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Sonoma County Department of Health Services, Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health, 625 Fifth Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Telephone: (707) 565-4552; fax: (800) 427-8982; website: <http://www.sonoma-county.org/mcah>. Available at [http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/topics/pdf/childcare/cc\\_](http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/topics/pdf/childcare/cc_)

[form\\_toothbrush.pdf](#) (English) and [http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/topics/pdf/childcare/cc\\_form\\_toothbrush\\_sp.pdf](http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/topics/pdf/childcare/cc_form_toothbrush_sp.pdf) (Spanish).

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**ASTDD BASIC SCREENING SURVEY FOR CHILDREN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PACKET (REV. ED.)**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2008. *ASTDD Basic Screening Survey for Children Planning and Implementation Packet* (rev. ed.). Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2 items.

This packet contains information for planning and conducting an oral health screening of preschool- and school-age children. Contents include a CD-ROM and DVD. The CD-ROM contains a step-by-step guide for conducting the screening; a presentation and clinical photos for examiner training; Epi Info files for data entry and analysis; a screener reference guide; and guidance resources on Institutional Review Board review, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act compliance, using the tool for oral health surveillance, and school-related disclosure policies (the National School Lunch Program, the Family Education Rights Privacy Act, and the Protection of Pupil Rights Act). The DVD contains examiner-training videos for oral-health and non-oral-health professionals. The content is available in English and Spanish. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: [info@astdd.org](mailto:info@astdd.org); website: <http://www.astdd.org>. \$10 (includes shipping and handling); manual and examiner training videos (English only) also available at <http://www.astdd.org/basic-screening-survey-tool/#children>.

**ASTDD COMPETENCIES FOR STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

ASTDD Leadership Committee. 2011. *ASTDD Competencies for State Oral Health Programs*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 22 pp. plus appendices.



This document describes skill sets that state oral health program staff need to carry out core public health functions and services in seven domains: building support, planning and evaluating programs, influencing policies and systems change, managing people, managing programs and resources, using public health science, and leading strategically. Competencies are presented by domain in a chart format and are described in four advancing levels of involvement. Companion tools are also available for conducting an abbreviated program assessment, individual staff/consultant competency assessments, a summary program assessment, and an assessment using Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors' guidelines. Directions on how to use the guidelines are included.

**Contact:** Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: [info@astdd.org](mailto:info@astdd.org); website: <http://www.astdd.org>. Available at <http://www.astdd.org/docs/CompetenciesandLevelsforStateOralHealthProgramsfinal.pdf>. Companion tools (appendices A–E) available at <http://www.astdd.org/leadership-and-professional-development-committee/#competencies>.

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**BRIGHT SMILES FROM BIRTH: AN ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

American Academy of Pediatrics, Illinois Chapter. 2011. *Bright Smiles from Birth: An Oral Health Education and Technical Assistance Program*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics, Illinois Chapter. 1 v.

This website provides information and resources from Illinois' program to educate primary care health professionals about oral health in children under age 3. Contents include dental caries risk assessment tools, information on using fluoride to prevent and control caries, and training and other resources on fluoride varnish. Information for families is available in English and Spanish and addresses topics such as the importance of primary teeth, plaque and tooth decay, how to brush and floss, fluoride varnish, and dental visits. Information is also provided for dentists interested in becoming program trainers.

**Contact:** American Academy of Pediatrics, Illinois Chapter, 1400 West Hubbard Street, Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60642-8195. Telephone: (312) 733-1026; fax: (312) 733-1791; e-mail: <http://illinoisAAP.org/about/contact-icaap>; website: <http://illinoisAAP.org>. Available at <http://illinoisAAP.org/projects/bright-smiles> (requires registration).

**COLLABORATION AND ACTION TO IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH SYSTEMS: TOOLKIT FOR STATE LEADERS**

Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 2011. *Collaboration and Action to Improve Child Health Systems: Toolkit for State Leaders*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 52 pp.

This toolkit provides an approach to mapping (i.e., drawing) the child health system in a state so state leaders can better envision the flow of services and funding that support access to care for children and families and identify opportunities for improvement. It contains system diagrams and discussion questions on the following topics: the Title V agency role in ensuring child health; Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program (EPSDT) mandates on collaboration and outreach to families; medical and dental homes; EPSDT screening visits; linkages, case management, and care coordination; care for children with special health care needs; Medicaid managed care; and public-private and interagency collaboration. Sample scenarios are provided to guide discussion, and tips on designing and facilitating a state leadership workshop are included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 18-05, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-2170; (800) 311-BABY (2229); (800) 504-7081; fax: (301) 443-1797; e-mail: [ctibbs@hrsa.gov](mailto:ctibbs@hrsa.gov); website: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov>. Available at [http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/collaboration/child\\_health\\_toolkit.pdf](http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/collaboration/child_health_toolkit.pdf).

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**CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND THE HEAD START FRAMEWORK: AN ALIGNMENT REVIEW TOOL**

National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning. 2011. *Curriculum, Assessment and the Head Start Framework: An Alignment Review Tool*. Seattle, WA: National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning. 17 pp.

This tool is designed to help a program determine how well an early childhood assessment or curriculum aligns with the domains and domain elements identified in the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework. Assessment tool levels include coverage and balance; depth and difficulty in assessing physical development and health; social and emotional development; approaches to learning; logic and reasoning; and knowledge and skills in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, artistic expression, and English language.

**Contact:** Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center, Office of Head Start. Telephone: (866) 763-6481; e-mail: [askus@headstartinfo.org](mailto:askus@headstartinfo.org); website: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>. Available at <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/teaching/docs/Alignment-Guide-1.pdf>.

**Contact:** Health Literacy Consulting, 31 Highland Street, Suite 201, Natick, MA 01760. Telephone: (508) 653-1199; e-mail: <http://www.healthliteracy.com/contact.asp>; website: <http://www.healthliteracy.com>. Available at <http://www.healthliteracyoutloud.com/2011/05/10/health-literacy-out-loud-58-from-the-tooths-point-of-view-communicating-serious-health-messages-with-wit-and-whimsy>.

**DENTAL EMERGENCY GUIDE**

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Children’s Oral Health Program. n.d. *Dental Emergency Guide*. Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Children’s Oral Health Program. 1 p.

This fact sheet provides information on dental emergency first aid for school nurses or teachers in New Jersey. Situations discussed include losing a primary tooth, an avulsed (knocked out) tooth and bleeding care, a displaced or dislodged tooth, a broken or fractured tooth, a jaw dislocation or fracture, signs of a concussion, a toothache or abscess, and soft tissue injuries to the lips or tongue. Tips are also provided for managing prolonged bleeding or post-extraction bleeding as well as broken orthodontic braces or other appliances.

**Contact:** New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, P.O. Box 360, Trenton, NJ 08625-0360. Telephone: (609) 292-7837; (800) 367-6543; website: <http://www.state.nj.us/health>. Available at [http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/oral/documents/dental\\_emergency\\_guide.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/oral/documents/dental_emergency_guide.pdf).

**GUIDELINES FOR MOBILE/PORTABLE DENTAL CARE PROGRAMS WORKING IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Oral Health Program. 2011. *Guidelines for Mobile/Portable Dental Care Programs Working in School Districts*. Augusta, ME: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Oral Health Program. 6 pp.

This document provides guidelines useful in evaluating proposals for establishing school-based oral health programs. The guidelines focus on mobile/portable oral health programs working in school districts.

**Contact:** Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 11 State House Station, Key Plaza, 286 Water Street, Fifth Floor, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-2361; (800) 698-3624, ext. 2361; (800) 606-0215; fax: (207) 287-7213; e-mail: [judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov](mailto:judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov); website: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh>. Available at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh/documents/Guidelines-Mobile-Providers.pdf>.

**FROM THE TOOTH’S POINT OF VIEW: COMMUNICATING SERIOUS HEALTH MESSAGES WITH WIT AND WHIMSY**

Health Literacy Consulting. 2011. *From the Tooth’s Point of View: Communicating Serious Health Messages with Wit and Whimsy*. Natick, MA: Health Literacy Consulting.

In this podcast, Jeanette Flannery Courtad, dentist, artist, and author, talks with Helen Osborne, host of the Health Literacy Out Loud podcast series, about health literacy and oral hygiene. Topics include why preventive health messages are often difficult to communicate; ways to draw attention to messages with empathy, wit, and whimsy; and strategies for working with children, young adults, and parents.

**HOME BY ONE: DENTAL PROFESSIONALS**

Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 2009-. *Home by One: Dental Professionals*. Hartford, CT: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. Multiple items.

These resources are components of a public-awareness campaign in Connecticut designed to build partnerships among oral health, general health, and social service providers and parents and other caregivers to reduce oral disease in infants and children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The resources focus on the importance of oral health and oral health care during infancy and early childhood, with an emphasis

on the age 1 dental visit. Contents include a 1-hour webinar; a program fact sheet and resource list; a map of dental home networks in relation to WIC sites; and referral forms. Posters on infant oral health are provided in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308. Telephone: (860) 509-7382; fax: (860) 509-7853; website: [http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=388844&dphNav\\_GID=1601](http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=388844&dphNav_GID=1601). Available at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=440282>.

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**HOME BY ONE: MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS**

Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 2009-. *Home by One: Medical Professionals*. Hartford, CT: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. Multiple items.

These resources are components of a public-awareness campaign in Connecticut designed to build partnerships among oral health, general health, and social service providers and parents and other caregivers to reduce oral disease in infants and children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The resources focus on the importance of oral health and oral health care during infancy and early childhood, with an emphasis on the age 1 dental visit. Contents include a program fact sheet, a map of dental home networks in relation to WIC sites, a dental home referral form, and a client instruction sheet for fluoride varnish aftercare written in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308. Telephone: (860) 509-7382; fax: (860) 509-7853; e-mail: [linda.ferraro@ct.gov](mailto:linda.ferraro@ct.gov); website: [http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=388844&dphNav\\_GID=1601](http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=388844&dphNav_GID=1601). Available at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=442212>.

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**HOME BY ONE: WIC PROFESSIONALS**

Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 2009-. *Home by One: WIC Professionals*. Hartford, CT: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. Multiple items.

These resources are components of a public-awareness campaign designed to build partnerships among oral health, general health, and social service providers and parents and other caregivers to reduce oral disease in infants and children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The resources focus on the importance of oral health and oral health care during infancy and early childhood, with an emphasis on the age 1 dental visit. Contents include a fact sheet about WIC; a map of dental home networks in relation to WIC sites; stories to support the transition from bottle to cup and discontinuing bottlefeeding after age 1, in seven languages (Chinese, Brazilian/Portuguese, English, French, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese); and a fact sheet and flyer/poster about oral health advocacy in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308. Telephone: (860) 509-7382; fax: (860) 509-7853; e-mail: [linda.ferraro@ct.gov](mailto:linda.ferraro@ct.gov); website: [http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=388844&dphNav\\_GID=1601](http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=388844&dphNav_GID=1601). Available at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=442256>.

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**IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH IN HEAD START: PARENT ENGAGEMENT AND MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING**

Office of Head Start. 2010. *Improving Oral Health in Head Start: Parent Engagement and Motivational Interviewing*. Washington, DC: Office of Head Start. 47 pp.

This document contains presentation slides from a webinar presented to the National Head Start State Collaboration Office Network on November 1, 2010. The content focuses on the use of parent engagement and motivational interviewing to improve oral health among children in Head Start. Topics include an overview of Head Start's oral health priority and sample tools and models from states.

**Contact:** Head Start Resource Center, 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22209. Telephone: (703) 243-0495; website: <http://www.headstartresourcecenter.org/index.cfm>. Available at <http://headstartresourcecenter.org/assets/files/Oral%20Health%20SCO%20Webinar%20Nov%202010-FINAL.pdf>.



**INTEGRATING PRIMARY CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ORAL HEALTH**

Fuccillo R. 2011. *Integrating Primary Care and Public Health: Opportunities for Oral Health*. Washington, DC: Grantmakers In Health. 2 pp.

This document focuses on new and promising collaborations that aim to better manage and prevent oral disease. Topics include cooperation among oral health professionals, primary care health professionals, public health professionals, and other health professionals to address access to oral health care and prevention, and the role of philanthropy in promoting collaboration among grantees, funders, and the broader community.

**Contact:** Grantmakers In Health, 1100 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20036-4101. Telephone: (202) 452-8331; fax: (202) 452-8340; e-mail: <http://www.gih.org/feedback2666/feedback.htm>; website: <http://www.gih.org>. Available at [http://www.gih.org/usr\\_doc/Integrating\\_Oral\\_Health\\_DentaQuest\\_June\\_2011.pdf](http://www.gih.org/usr_doc/Integrating_Oral_Health_DentaQuest_June_2011.pdf).

**MEDICAID WORKS: A REVIEW OF HOW PUBLIC INSURANCE PROTECTS THE HEALTH AND FINANCES OF CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Ku L, Ferguson C. 2011. *Medicaid Works: A Review of How Public Insurance Protects the Health and Finances of Children and Other Vulnerable Populations*. Washington, DC: First Focus. 25 pp.

This report reviews the evidence related to the effectiveness of Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in addressing the health and financial needs of vulnerable Americans, including children, parents with low incomes, pregnant women, older adults, and individuals with disabilities. The report, which summarizes existing research, discusses the populations that are benefitting from these public health programs and the various ways in which Medicaid and CHIP are serving the health needs of vulnerable populations. The report includes statistics on changes in Medicaid enrollment between 2007 and 2010; a comparison of the health status and conditions of children who are Medicaid/CHIP beneficiaries versus those with private health insurance coverage; and a comparison of health status and diagnosis for nonelderly adults (ages 18–64) who are Medicaid/CHIP beneficiaries versus those with private insurance.

**Contact:** First Focus, 1110 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 657-0670; fax: (202) 657-0671; e-mail: <http://www.firstfocus.net/about/contact-us>; website: <http://www.firstfocus.net>. Available at <http://www.firstfocus.net/sites/default/files/MedicaidWorks.pdf>.

**ORAL HEALTH CLINICIAN TOOL KIT**

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Head Start Dental Home Initiative. 2010. *Oral Health Clinician Tool Kit*. Columbia, SC: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

This toolkit is intended to support health professionals and local programs in linking children in Head Start with dental homes. Contents include fact sheets for pregnant women and young children, training materials on fluoride varnish and oral health risk assessment, educational materials, referral forms, and continuing education resources. Some materials apply to South Carolina only, and some apply to the nation as a whole.

**Contact:** South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Oral Health, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Telephone: (803) 898-3432; website: <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/oral/index.htm>. Available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/oral/toolkit.htm>.

**ORAL HEALTH FOR INFANTS & TODDLERS: A MEDICAL PROVIDER’S GUIDE**

Clifford R, Duke G. 2010. *Oral Health for Infants & Toddlers: A Medical Provider’s Guide*. Sacramento, CA: California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Oral Health Program. 2 pp.

This guide for health professionals presents information on tooth development and function through age 12 and on the importance of assessing risk for dental caries and promoting oral health early in life. Color photographs illustrate signs of tooth decay and risk assessment techniques such as lift-the-lip and knee-to-knee. Strategies for reducing the risk of transmitting caries-causing bacteria and risk-reduction aids such as fluoride supplements, fluoride varnish, and breastfeeding are also described.

**Contact:** California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Oral Health Program, MS Code 8305, P.O. Box 997420, Sacramento, CA 95899-7420. Telephone: (866) 241-0395; fax: (916) 650-0305; e-mail: [mchinet@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:mchinet@cdph.ca.gov); website: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Pages/default.aspx>. Available at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Documents/MO-OHP-OralHealthInfantToddler.pdf>.

**Contact:** Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: [info@astdd.org](mailto:info@astdd.org); website: <http://www.astdd.org>. Available at [http://www.astdd.org/docs/OHM\\_Fall\\_2011\\_FINAL\\_10.13.2011.pdf](http://www.astdd.org/docs/OHM_Fall_2011_FINAL_10.13.2011.pdf).

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**THE ORAL HEALTH INFORMATION TUTORIAL**

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. 2011. *The Oral Health Information Tutorial*. San Antonio, TX: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

This tutorial, which consists of four modules, focuses on improving access to and awareness of reliable information resources, as well as integrating the best evidence from these resources into public oral health practice and educational activities. The first module defines public health dentistry and identifies resources that help professionals stay informed about developments in public health dentistry. Module 2 focuses on learning how to find evidence-based scientific literature and apply it to the practice of public health dentistry. The third module outlines statistics and data related to the field. Patient and consumer information resources are discussed in the final module.

**Contact:** University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229. Telephone: (210) 567-7000; website: <http://www.uthscsa.edu>. Available at <http://www.library.uthscsa.edu/community/oralhealth.cfm>.

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**ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM STRATEGIC PLAN 2011–2014**

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Oral Health. 2011. *Oral Health Program Strategic Plan 2011–2014*. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Oral Health. 10 pp.

This document outlines an updated strategic plan for improving the nation's oral health over the next 3 to 5 years. Five public health priorities and eight current goals address core/essential functions and key subject areas. These areas include dental caries, periodontal diseases, oral and pharyngeal cancers, infection control, public oral health infrastructure, elimination of health disparities, health policy and translation/dissemination of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) products, and organizational capacity and function. The document also outlines the CDC's vision, mission, roles, and core functions as well as priorities in public oral health.

**Contact:** National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Oral Health, 4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Mailstop F-10, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717. Telephone: (770) 488-6054; e-mail: [oralhealth@cdc.gov](mailto:oralhealth@cdc.gov); website: <http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth>. Available at [http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/pdfs/oral\\_health\\_strategic\\_plan.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/pdfs/oral_health_strategic_plan.pdf).

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**ORAL HEALTH MATTERS**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2011. *Oral Health Matters*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. Quarterly.

This quarterly newsletter provides Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors members and others with news and information on national, state, and local oral health activities as well as with educational resources and other resources. Topics include strategic planning; financing; meetings, workshops, and conferences; awards; committee reports and publications; member profiles; and partnerships.

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**ORAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL**

American Academy of Pediatrics. 2011. *Oral Health Risk Assessment Tool*. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics. 2 items.

This tool, along with accompanying guidance, is designed to help health professionals implement oral health risk assessment during health supervision visits. Topics include the timing of risk assessment, risk factors, protective factors, and clinical findings. The tool is intended for documenting dental caries risk of infants or young children (from birth to age 6). Information on

treatment for those at high risk for caries and color photographs depicting various clinical findings are included.

**Contact:** American Academy of Pediatrics, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098. Telephone: (847) 434-4000; (800) 433-9016; fax: (847) 434-8000; website: <http://www.aap.org>. Available at <http://www.aap.org/oralhealth/docs/RiskAssessmentTool.pdf> (tool) and [http://www.aap.org/oralhealth/docs/RiskAssessmentTool\\_Guidance.pdf](http://www.aap.org/oralhealth/docs/RiskAssessmentTool_Guidance.pdf) (guidance).

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**ORTHODONTIC AND CRANIOFACIAL REFERRAL GUIDE (UPD.)**

Clifford R, Duke G, Schaefer C. 2011. *Orthodontic and Craniofacial Referral Guide* (upd.). Sacramento, CA: California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Oral Health Program. 2 pp.

This guide for health professionals addresses screening children for severe oral conditions and referring them to California Children's Services (CCS) when appropriate. Topics include referral criteria for medically handicapping malocclusion and cleft lip/palate and other craniofacial anomalies, the CCS referral and eligibility process, CCS benefits, and why it is important to refer. Information on assessing occlusion in children and color photographs illustrating conditions are provided.

**Contact:** California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Oral Health Program, MS Code 8305, P.O. Box 997420, Sacramento, CA 95899-7420. Telephone: (866) 241-0395; fax: (916) 650-0305; e-mail: [mchinet@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:mchinet@cdph.ca.gov); website: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Pages/default.aspx>. Available at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Documents/MO-OHP-OrthodonticCraniofacialReferralGuide.pdf>.

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**PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH: SMILES FOR TOMORROW—AN ATLAS OF COMMON DENTAL PATHOLOGY FOR PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS (UPD. ED.)**

Deinard A, Modem S, Shaw D, Vega J. 2010. *Pediatric Oral Health: Smiles for Tomorrow—An Atlas of Common Dental Pathology for Primary Care Medical Professionals* (upd. ed.). Minneapolis, MN: Regents of the University of Minnesota. 65 pp.

This atlas includes text and photographic descriptions of normal tooth development and eruption, dental caries etiology, care of teeth (such as toothbrushing and receiving dental sealants), and abnormalities of children's teeth and mouths. The text is presented in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Amos Deinard, 1729 Morgan Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55405; e-mail: [deina001@umn.edu](mailto:deina001@umn.edu). \$28.50. Order at [http://www.oralhealthzone.umn.edu/C\\_MOV\\_Pop.htm](http://www.oralhealthzone.umn.edu/C_MOV_Pop.htm).

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**POINTS OF LIGHT: A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PEDIATRIC AND GENERAL DENTISTS TO SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISH AN INFANT ORAL HEALTH REFERRAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND STATE**

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 2011—. *Points of Light: A Resource Guide for Pediatric and General Dentists to Successfully Establish an Infant Oral Health Referral Infrastructure in Your Community and State*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

This guide outlines a process for establishing an infant oral health referral infrastructure in communities and states. Topics include collaboration among dentists and pediatric health professionals to encourage early dental referrals, risk assessment timing, and establishment of the dental home. Contents include sample referral letters for dentists and physicians, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's policy statement, Enhanced Care Through Appropriate Medical Referral, and a handout and presentation on infant oral health care.

**Contact:** American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60611-2637. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312) 337-6329; website: <http://www.aapd.org>. Available at [http://www.aapd.org/hottopics/news.asp?NEWS\\_ID=568](http://www.aapd.org/hottopics/news.asp?NEWS_ID=568).

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**PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL HYGIENIST TOOLKIT**

Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services. 2011. *Public Health Dental Hygienist Toolkit*. Boston, MA: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health.

This toolkit provides information and resources for dental hygienists in Massachusetts to expand opportunities for providing preventive oral health services in public

health settings. Training resources include PowerPoint presentations on infection control, other documents and resources, evidence-based clinical recommendations for dental sealants and sealant programs and other sealant program resources, and an introduction to the state Medicaid program, MassHealth.

**Contact:** Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. Telephone: (617) 624-6074; fax: (617) 624-6062; e-mail: [lynn.bethel@state.ma.us](mailto:lynn.bethel@state.ma.us); website: <http://www.mass.gov/dph/oralhealth>. Available at <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/provider/guidelines-resources/services-planning/workforce-development/oral-workforce-dev-dental-hygienist/toolkit/>.

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**SEAL AMERICA: THE PREVENTION INVENTION (2ND ED., REV.)**

Carter NL, American Association for Community Dental Programs, and National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2011. *Seal America: The Prevention Invention* (2nd ed., rev.). Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center.

This manual is designed to assist health professionals in initiating and implementing a school-based dental sealant program. Staff of established programs may also find the manual of interest as they work to improve specific aspects of their programs. Contents include information about getting started, gaining and maintaining community support, staffing, purchasing dental equipment and supplies, funding, developing forms and records, tracking students, collecting and analyzing data, preparing to launch, implementing the program, referral and follow-up, and program evaluation. The streaming video segment, titled “Seal in a Smile,” is also available on DVD. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: [OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu](mailto:OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu); website: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org>. Available at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/Seal>.

**SMILES FOR LIFE: A NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH CURRICULUM (3RD ED.)**

Douglass AB, Maier R, Deutchman M, Douglass JM, Gonsalves W, Silk H, Tysinger JW, Wrightson AS. 2011. *Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum* (3rd ed.). Leawood, KS: Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Group on Oral Health.

This curriculum comprises eight modules covering core areas of oral health. Topics include oral and systemic health, child oral health, adult oral health, acute oral health problems, oral health and pregnant women, fluoride varnish, the oral examination, and geriatric oral health. The modules may be completed online or downloaded and are suitable for individual or small-group education. Modules include presenter notes, companion videos, an implementation guide, educational objectives, test questions, and text resources. Information to assist clinicians in applying fluoride varnish and receiving reimbursement from state Medicaid programs is included. Pocket cards and personal-digital-assistant applications summarizing key point-of-care information on child oral health, adult oral health, and dental emergencies are available. Posters in English and Spanish may also be downloaded from the website.

**Contact:** Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 11400 Tomahawk Creek Parkway, Suite 540, Leawood, KS 66211. Telephone: (913) 906-6000; (800) 274-7928; fax: (913) 906-6096; e-mail: [stfmoffice@stfm.org](mailto:stfmoffice@stfm.org); website: <http://www.stfm.org>. Available at <http://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org>.

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**STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND HEAD START STATE COLLABORATION OFFICES**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors and National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2011. *Strategies to Improve Collaboration Between State Oral Health Programs and Head Start State Collaboration Offices*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors; Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 4 pp.

This tip sheet is designed to assist state oral health program (SOHP) and Head Start state collaboration office (HSSCO) directors and staff in enhancing collaboration with one another. It discusses how the relationship between the SOHPs and HSSCOs has developed to date and outcomes of collaboration. It also provides recommendations for further collaboration. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]



**Contact:** National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: [OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu](mailto:OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu); website: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org>. Available at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/order> (order print copy) or [http://www.mchoralhealth.org/pdfs/sohp\\_hssco\\_tipsheet.pdf](http://www.mchoralhealth.org/pdfs/sohp_hssco_tipsheet.pdf).

**Contact:** Office on Minority Health, The Tower Building, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20852. Telephone: (240) 453-2882; fax: (240) 453-2883. Available at <http://www.ThinkCulturalHealth.hhs.gov>.

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**TALKING ABOUT CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH**

FrameWorks Institute. 2011. *Talking About Children's Oral Health*. Washington, DC: FrameWorks Institute.

This toolkit focuses on how Americans think about children's oral health and how to increase public support for policies and programs that support children's oral health. The kit includes a variety of application materials that are designed to help build communications to engage the public in understanding children's oral health in an effort to improve public conversation and decision-making. Contents include reports, an eWorkshop, talking points, frequently asked questions, sample editorials and case studies, communications tools, and guides to key issues.

**Contact:** FrameWorks Institute, 1776 I Street, N.W., Ninth Floor, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: e-mail: [info@FrameWorksInstitute.org](mailto:info@FrameWorksInstitute.org); website: <http://www.FrameWorksInstitute.org>. Available at <http://www.frameworksinstitute.org/toolkits/oralhealth>.

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**THINK CULTURAL HEALTH**

Office of Minority Health, Center for Linguistic and Cultural Competence in Health Care. 2011. *Think Cultural Health*. Washington, DC: Office of Minority Health, Center for Linguistic and Cultural Competence in Health Care.

This website offers resources and tools to promote cultural and linguistic competency in health care. The goal is to advance health equity at every point of contact through the development and promotion of culturally and linguistically appropriate services. Contents include free and accredited continuing education programs as well as tools to help health professionals and organizations provide respectful, understandable, and effective services. Information on standards in specific areas, such as oral health and state legislative initiatives, is provided.

**PROGRAM REPORTS**

**AR SMILES: ARKANSAS ORAL HEALTH SCREENING, 2010**

Mouden LD, Holt A, Amerine C. 2010. *AR Smiles: Arkansas Oral Health Screening, 2010*. Little Rock, AR: Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Oral Health. 12 pp.

This report presents findings from oral health screenings of students in third grade in Arkansas public schools. Topics include dental caries experience, untreated caries, dental sealants, and referral for care. The report contains tables and graphs illustrating distributions overall, by race, and by public health region.

**Contact:** Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Oral Health, 4815 West Markham, Slot 18, Little Rock, AR 72205. Telephone: (501) 661-2595; (501) 661-2000; fax: (501) 661-2055; website: <http://www.healthyarkansas.gov/programsServices/oralhealth/Pages/default.aspx>. Available at <http://www.healthyarkansas.gov/programsServices/oralhealth/Documents/ARSmiles.pdf>.

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**DENTAL HOME INITIATIVE (DHI) UPDATE**

Head Start Resource Center. 2011. *Dental Home Initiative (DHI) Update*. Arlington, VA: Head Start Resource Center.

This resource, published every other week, features news, information, and resources for Head Start Dental Home Initiative (DHI) consultants, Head Start State Collaboration directors, State Head Start Association directors, regional program managers, and other partners. Each edition includes information about recent DHI state launches and research on Head Start and oral health.

**Contact:** Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center, U.S. Office of Head Start, 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22209. Telephone: (866) 763-6481; website: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>. Available at <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/Health/Oral%20Health/Oral%20Health%20Program%20Staff/DentalHomeIniti.htm>.

**MINNESOTA PLAN TO REDUCE ORAL DISEASE AND ACHIEVE ORAL HEALTH FOR ALL MINNESOTANS: 2011–2020 [DRAFT]**

Minnesota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 2011. *Minnesota Plan to Reduce Oral Disease and Achieve Oral Health for all Minnesotans: 2011–2020* [draft]. St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 49 pp.

This draft strategic plan for Minnesota discusses the need for increased prevention efforts as well as the importance of public health surveillance to target areas of greatest need, resource allocation, and increased capacity. Contents include a review of the burden of oral disease in the state, risk behaviors and community-based prevention strategies, and state partnerships and collaboration. The plan also discusses plan development, an outline of the logic model, the vision for Minnesota oral health, goals and objectives, and suggested strategies.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Health, P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164. Telephone: (651) 201-5000; (888) 345-0823; (651) 201-5797; website: <http://www.health.state.mn.us>. Available at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/oralhealth/pdfs/OralHealthPlan2011draft.pdf>.

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**ORAL HEALTH IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

Northern Virginia Health Foundation. 2011. *Oral Health in Northern Virginia*. Alexandria, VA: Northern Virginia Health Foundation. 13 pp.

This report describes the results of a survey of the oral health of Northern Virginia residents and of the need for and access to oral health care services, particularly among families with low incomes. The survey assessed numerous factors affecting the oral health of Northern Virginians, gauging their perceptions of oral health and documenting obstacles to accessing oral health care.

**Contact:** Northern Virginia Health Foundation, 1940 Duke Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314. Telephone: (703) 486-5691; fax: (703) 486-5692; e-mail: <http://novahealthfdn.org/about-us/contact-us>; website: <http://www.novahealthfdn.org>. Available at <http://novahealthfdn.org/wp-content/uploads/NVHF-OralHealth-Report-FINAL.pdf>.

**PUBLIC HEALTH MANUAL: DHEC SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL PREVENTION PROGRAM (UPD. ED.)**

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Oral Health. 2011. *Public Health Manual: DHEC School-Based Dental Prevention Program* (upd. ed.). South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 32 pp.

This manual provides school-based oral health programs in South Carolina that enter into memoranda of agreement with the Department of Health and Environmental Control with clearly stated expectations and standards. Manual contents include regulatory compliance in scope of practice, supervising dentists, and mobile and portable dental facilities and operations; program operation policy and procedures, permission forms, infection control, school eligibility, screenings, referrals, and sealants; and public health surveillance and data management and monitoring. Additional information is provided on reporting requirements, supporting documents, and educational resources.

**Contact:** South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Oral Health, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Telephone: (803) 898-3432; website: <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/oral/index.htm>. Available at [http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/oral/docs/school\\_SDPP%20Manual%20Revision%20081011.pdf](http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/oral/docs/school_SDPP%20Manual%20Revision%20081011.pdf).

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**SAVE OUR SMILES FLUORIDE MOUTH RINSE PROGRAM FOR NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS: PROGRAM MANUAL**

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Children’s Oral Health Program. 2011. *Save Our Smiles Fluoride Mouth Rinse Program for New Jersey Schools: Program Manual*. Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Children’s Oral Health Program. 31 pp.

This manual provides instruction on developing and implementing a school-based fluoride mouth rinse program for children in New Jersey elementary schools. It describes the Save Our Smiles program, a voluntary mouth rinse program for students in grades 1 through 6 to provide fluoride to those at risk for early childhood caries. Manual contents include an introduction to the program; administration, program procedures, coordinator responsibilities, procedures on unit dosing, mixing, and pumping; a process pictorial; storage, cleaning, and disposal; tips, questions, and answers; emergency,

treatment; and record keeping. Additional information includes a timeline; an article on fluoride; and statements from professional organizations, sample forms and records, and other training documentation.

**Contact:** New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, P.O. Box 360, Trenton, NJ 08625-0360. Telephone: (609) 292-7837; (800) 367-6543; website: <http://www.state.nj.us/health>. Available at [http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/oral/documents/save\\_our\\_smiles\\_manual.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/oral/documents/save_our_smiles_manual.pdf) (manual) and [http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/oral/documents/monitoring\\_form.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/oral/documents/monitoring_form.pdf) (monitoring form).

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**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR JULY 2011 TO JUNE 2012**

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Oral Health Section. 2011. *Strategic Plan for July 2011 to June 2012*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Oral Health Section. 14 pp.

This document provides oral health information as part of the overall 2011–2012 strategic plan for improving the health of North Carolina citizens. Topics include eliminating disparities in oral health by using best practices to reduce oral diseases through prevention, education, and health promotion services; monitoring the public’s oral health; and promoting access to oral health care. Additional information is provided on community-based work force coverage, program goals and strategies, action steps and data and evaluation, and outcomes and measures of progress.

**Contact:** North Carolina Division of Public Health, Oral Health Section, 1910 Mail Service Center, 5505 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27699-1910. Telephone: (919) 707-5480; fax: (919) 870-4805; website: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dph/oralhealth>. Available at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dph/oralhealth/library/includes/2011-2012%20OHS%20Strategic%20Plan%20Final%208-2011.pdf>.

**PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION**

**2012 NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH CAMPAIGN**

American Dental Association. 2011. *2012 National Children’s Dental Health Month Campaign*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association, Division of Communications.

These campaign materials are designed to help oral health teams, teachers, and parents raise awareness about the importance of oral health during National Children’s Dental Health Month (February). Contents include a program-planning guide, publicity resources, a story and activity sheets for children, and posters for children and adolescents. The story, activity sheets, and posters are available in English and Spanish. Presentation resources are also available from the website.

**Contact:** American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone: (312) 440-2500; fax: (312) 440-7494; e-mail: [info@ada.org](mailto:info@ada.org); website: <http://www.ada.org>. Available at <http://www.ada.org/5578.aspx>.

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**CONOZCA LAS PREGUNTAS (KNOW THE QUESTIONS)**

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 2011. *Conozca las preguntas (Know the Questions)*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

This website offers tips to help Spanish speakers communicate effectively with their health professionals. The website features information on how to develop a list of questions to ask and downloadable public service announcements from a national campaign designed to improve health and health care among Hispanics. A special website for mobile phone users is also available, offering biweekly tips on talking with doctors sent via text-messaging. A similar English-language website is also available.

**Contact:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 2000, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: (301) 427-1364; (800) 358-9295; e-mail: <http://info.ahrq.gov>; website: <http://www.ahrq.gov>. Available at <http://www.ahrq.gov/preguntas>.



**DOWNLOADABLE ORAL HEALTH BROCHURES**

Maine Oral Health Program. 2011. *Downloadable Oral Health Brochures*. Augusta, ME: Maine Oral Health Program. Varies.

These brochures provide information on oral health from infancy through adulthood. Two of the brochures, intended for parents, discuss oral hygiene and dental visits during infancy and early childhood. Others focus on measures to reduce the risk of dental caries (e.g., fluoride, dental sealants) and injuries (e.g., mouth guards). Conditions such as dry mouth and adult oral hygiene and oral care are also addressed.

**Contact:** Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 11 State House Station, Key Plaza, 286 Water Street, Fifth Floor, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-2361; (800) 698-3624, ext. 2361; (800) 606-0215; fax: (207) 287-7213; e-mail: [judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov](mailto:judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov); website: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh>. Available at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh/downloadable-brochures/index.shtml>.

**HOME BY ONE: PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 2009-. *Home by One: Parents and Caregivers*. Hartford, CT: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 3 items.

These resources for parents address the importance of oral health and oral health care during infancy and early childhood, with an emphasis on the age 1 dental visit. The resources comprise components of a public-awareness campaign to reduce oral disease in infants and children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Contents include a video on toothbrushing, a brochure and checklist on infant oral health, and a guide on early childhood oral health. Topics include how to avoid transmitting bacteria that cause dental caries, when and how to clean infant gums, when to begin toothbrushing and how to brush with fluoridated toothpaste, how to look for signs of caries (lap-to-lap, knee-to-knee, lift-the-lip), and when to visit the dentist. The resources also encourage parents to avoid putting infants to bed with a bottle and offer information on preventive oral health services including regular dental visits and fluoride varnish. The materials are available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308. Telephone: (860) 509-7382; fax: (860) 509-7853; e-mail: [linda.ferraro@ct.gov](mailto:linda.ferraro@ct.gov); website: [http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=388844&dphNav\\_GID=1601](http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=388844&dphNav_GID=1601). Available at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=442264>.

**METH MOUTH**

Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. 2011. *Meth Mouth*. August, ME: Maine Department of Health and Human Services. 4 pp.

This fact sheet describes damage to the mouth, teeth, and gums that can occur as a result of methamphetamine abuse. The fact sheet discusses the impact of the drug on the mouth as well as how foods high in sugar, which those using methamphetamine frequently crave, are associated with the drug's effects.

**Contact:** Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 11 State House Station, Key Plaza, 286 Water Street, Fifth Floor, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-2361; (800) 698-3624, ext. 2361; (800) 606-0215; fax: (207) 287-7213; e-mail: [judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov](mailto:judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov); website: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh>. Available at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh/pdf/Meth-Mouth.pdf>.

**NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH**

American Dental Hygienists' Association. 2011. *National Dental Hygiene Month*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Hygienists' Association.

This toolkit is intended to help dental hygienists and others promote awareness of oral health as part of the annual observance of National Dental Hygiene Month (October). Contents include information, tips, and advice on topics such as toothbrushing, flossing, rinsing, chewing gum, and community service. Posters and a series of fact sheets on oral health in children, adolescents, adults, and older adults are also available from the website.

**Contact:** American Dental Hygienists' Association, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 440-8900; fax: (312) 440-1806; website: <http://www.adha.org>. Available at <http://www.adha.org/ndhm/index.html>.

**PREVENT TOOTH DECAY IN BABIES AND TODDLERS**

California Department of Health Care Services, Child Health and Disability Prevention Program Dental Subcommittee. 2011. *Prevent Tooth Decay in Babies and Toddlers*. Sacramento, CA: California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Oral Health Program. 2 pp.

This pamphlet for parents and other caregivers addresses oral health in infants and young children. Topics include the importance of primary teeth, oral hygiene, and the first dental visit. The pamphlet also describes how tooth decay occurs and what parents and other caregivers can do to prevent it. Color photographs and contact information for state and local referral services in California are also included. The pamphlet is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Oral Health Program, MS Code 8305, P.O. Box 997420, Sacramento, CA 95899-7420. Telephone: (866) 241-0395; fax: (916) 650-0305; e-mail: [mchinet@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:mchinet@cdph.ca.gov); website: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Pages/default.aspx>. Available at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Documents/MO-OHP-PreventToothDecayinBabiesToddlers.pdf> (English) and <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Documents/MO-OHP-PreventToothDecayinBabiesToddlersSpanish-8-16-11.pdf> (Spanish).

**STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS**

**DENTAL CLINICS AND SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS IN MAINE (UPD. ED.)**

Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 2011. *Dental Clinics and Services for Low Income Persons in Maine* (upd. ed.). Augusta, ME: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 27 pp.

This directory assists health and social service professionals and their clients in locating dentists in Maine. Section 1 lists clinics and health centers by county. Section 2 describes the state-funded MaineCare Program and provides a list of regional state health departments. Section 3 identifies other resources including American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal programs, state agencies and organizations, rural and community health centers, statewide resources, and preventive dental hygiene programs.

**Contact:** Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 11 State House Station, Key Plaza, 286 Water Street, Fifth Floor, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-2361; (800) 698-3624, ext. 2361; (800) 606-0215; fax: (207) 287-7213; e-mail: [judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov](mailto:judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov); website: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh>. Available at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh/documents/directory.pdf>.

**MARYLAND ORAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 2011. *Maryland Oral Health Resource Guide*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 30 pp.

This guide is intended to help individuals find affordable and appropriate oral health care services in Maryland and the immediate surrounding regions. The guide contains information on programs or public facilities that provide discounted, low-cost, or special oral health services, organized by county or jurisdiction. Information is included on services for individuals and families living with HIV and AIDS, those who are homebound, those who have special health care needs, and those enrolled in Maryland Medical Assistance.

**Contact:** Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health, 201 West Preston Street, Third Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201. Telephone: (410) 767-5300; (800) 735-2258; fax: (410) 333-7392; e-mail: [oralhealth@dhhm.state.md.us](mailto:oralhealth@dhhm.state.md.us); website: <http://fha.maryland.gov/oralhealth>. Available at [http://fha.maryland.gov/pdf/oralhealth/Oral\\_Health\\_Resource\\_Guide.pdf](http://fha.maryland.gov/pdf/oralhealth/Oral_Health_Resource_Guide.pdf).

**OPERATIONS MANUAL FOR HEALTH CENTER ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

National Network for Oral Health Access. 2010-. *Operations Manual for Health Center Oral Health Programs*. Denver, CO: National Network for Oral Health Access.

This training manual outlines core competencies required to effectively manage an oral health program within a health center, consistent with standards and guidelines established by the U.S. Bureau of Primary Health Care. The content emphasizes that comprehensive health care includes oral health services. Chapters include fundamentals, leadership, financials, and risk

management. Chapters on workforce and staffing and quality are forthcoming. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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### **PROVEN AND PROMISING BEST PRACTICES FOR STATE AND COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, Best Practices Committee. 2011. *Proven and Promising Best Practices for State and Community Oral Health Programs*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors.

This resource provides information to help state, territorial, and community oral health programs develop best practices within the context of their environment. Contents include reports on public health strategies that are supported by evidence for their impact and effectiveness. Topics include surveillance systems; state coalitions, plans, and mandates; water fluoridation; school fluoride and dental sealant programs; work force development; special health care needs; coordinated school health programs; and early childhood tooth decay. The resource also provides access to state and community practice examples that illustrate successful implementation of best practice approaches. Additional resources such as definitions, criteria, and surveys are available. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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